

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2002, Claims 2-24, 27, 28, and 30-41 remain in this application. Claims 38-41 have been added.

Claims 2-24, 27, 28, and 30-37 were provisionally rejected under obviousness-type double patenting.

No new matter has been added. Reexamination and reconsideration of the amended application is requested.

Double Patenting

Claims 2-24, 27, 28 and 30-37 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-31 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,348,126 in view of Smith et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,431,898) and Anderson (U.S. Pat. No. 3,291,715). Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,348,126.

Claims 2-24, 27, 28 and 30-37 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of 09/637,174 in view of Smith et al. (U.S. Pat. 4,431,898) and Anderson (U.S. Pat. 3,291,715). Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection over Application Serial No. 09/637,174.

Claims 2-24, 27, 28 and 30-37 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-15 of 09/636,700 in view of Smith et al. (U.S. Pat. 4,431,898) and Anderson (U.S. Pat. 3,291,715). Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection over Application Serial No. 09/636,700.

Claims 2-24, 27, 28 and 30-37 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-32 of 09/636,435 in view of Smith et al. (U.S. Pat. 4,431,898) and Anderson (U.S. Pat.

3,291,715). Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection over Application Serial No. 09/636,435.

Claims 2-24, 27, 28 and 30-37 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of 09/636,434 in view of Smith et al. (U.S. Pat. 4,431,898) and Anderson (U.S. Pat. 3,291,715). Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection over Application Serial No. 09/636,434.

Summary

In view of the foregoing corrections and remarks, it is felt that the double patenting rejections of claims have been overcome. Therefore, all of the pending claims are patentable. Allowance at the earliest opportunity is respectfully requested.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, the Examiner should telephone Mr. Robert M. Wallace at (805) 644-4035 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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